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HAMBURG, March 20.
RUDOLF HOESS, FORMER COMMANDANT OF AUSCHWITZ CONCENTRATION CAMP, SIGNED ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE CONFESSIONS IN HISTORY, AN ADMISSION THAT HE PERSONALLY ARRANGED THE GASSING OF 2,000,000 PEOPLE FROM JUNE, 1941, TO THE END OF 1943.

BRITISH AUTHORITIES DISCLOSED THIS IN HAMBURG LAST NIGHT, STATING THAT HOESS, WHO HELD THE S.S. RANK OF A LIEUTENANT-COLONEL, WAS CAPTURED 10 DAYS AGO IN THE FLENSBURG AREA, AFTER A WIDE HUNT THROUGH THE BRITISH ZONE.

He is now being held under royal warrant pending trial as a war criminal.

A member of the Nazi Party since 1922, Hoess was sent to Auschwitz on May 1, 1941, to command what had been a Polish military barracks, into the German's latest concentration camp. Auschwitz was to handle prisoners from all the eastern camps.

His first assignment was Josef Kramer, the Beast of Belsen, who was hunted four months ago.

"Man Of Action"

In his confession, Hoess described to British intelligence officers a conversation he had with Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Gestapo. Plans were discussed for five large gas chambers, and crematoriums, said Hoess. He added that Himmler had told him "gassing is necessary, because if these people are not exterminated, and Germany loses the war, these people will exterminate the Germans."

As commandant at Auschwitz, Hoess stated he issued orders to the crematorium supervisor, Otto Moll, known as "the man of action."

Moll personally saw that the orders were carried out, and controlled the flow of inmates to their deaths in the gas chambers.

British intelligence officials said that Moll is now under sentence of death in the American zone.

Hoess, when asked if he believed in God, replied: "No, most em-

STRIKE OVER

London, March 20.
After a strike action lasting over eight weeks, 4,000 employees at the Humber Works, Coventry, today decided to resume work on Thursday.

The main cause of the dispute, which was a new basic rate for fixing piecework prices, is to be fully investigated.—Reuter.

Mountain Of Corpses

Hamburg, March 20.
Prisoners at the Neuengamme "extermination through work" concentration camp were forced to sing a merry camp song while bodies from mountain of corpses were being loaded on had-trucks, for the crematorium, a German witness stated today at the trial of 14 members of the camp staff.

All accused, who include two doctors, have pleaded not guilty to the charges of killing and ill-treating Allied nationals at the camp where 40,000 died.

General Jacques De Grancy, who commanded a French brigade in 1940, said that he was arrested by the Gestapo in March, 1944, because he had aided British airmen.

He added that the prisoners had to sleep two to a bed and when they were in hospital through weakness no effort was made to separate those with tuberculosis from the other inmates.—Reuter.

GOING TO AUSTRALIA?

Singapore, Mar. 20.
Persons who intend to go to Australia, either for business or for a holiday, or even students, must produce evidence to the satisfaction of the Australian authorities that they have a home and sufficient funds for their maintenance during the period of stay.

This announcement was made at a press conference by the Deputy Chief Staff Officer to the Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer in Singapore.—Reuter.

Invasion-- Accusation By Franco

Madrid, March 20.
The Spanish Government declares in a 5,000 word reply to the United States White Book, that the United States planned an invasion of the Iberian Peninsula in 1944 and carried out espionage in Spanish North Africa in 1943.

The reply flatly denied the White Book charges and said that the conduct of Spain toward the United States during the war and the post-war years has "been irreproachable."

It further said that Franco first avoided and later refused the German request that Spain should participate in the European war and said that an anti-Spanish campaign was carried on in North American papers to conceal plans for an invasion of the Iberian Peninsula, in January of 1944.

The press campaign "died out of itself suddenly on the failure of the project, which it concealed, for the Allied landing on the peninsula."

Among the twelve points enumerated as showing Spain's enmity toward the Allies were: the refusal to recognize Mussolini's Government in North Italy after his escape to Germany; the release of United States fliers landing in Spain; and the break in diplomatic relations with Japan.—Associated Press.

Emigration Of 100,000 Jews Called For

Jerusalem, March 20.
Three American members of the Anglo-American commission of inquiry were said yesterday to have told Washington that they will quit their jobs unless the commission files an interim report before next Tuesday calling for the immediate emigration of 100,000 Jews from Europe.

Authoritative sources said that the three members first demanded an interim report and emigration of 100,000 Jews when the commission visited Vienna and reiterated their demands after arriving in Palestine.

Later, it was said, the American State Department cabled them on President Truman's insistence that no dissident action be taken and asking them to continue their work on the commission in the interests of the United States.

The source said five of the six British members steadfastly refused to agree on an interim report both in Vienna and Palestine, but he believed that at least one British member was siding with the minority favouring a report.

Major Topic

Several persons close to the Committee said it was believed an interim report was being prepared for submission to the commission.

Provision of sanctuary for 100,000 displaced Jews, first requested by President Truman, has been one of the major topics of the Committee's hearings. Virtually every Jewish speaker appearing asked for such while Arab leaders demanded the cessation of all immigration.

The commission is now in recess for a week during which tours of mid-eastern areas are being made by its members. The commission will go to Lausanne, Switzerland, early in April to prepare its final report.—Associated Press.

Freedom Of City For Alexander

London, Mar. 20.
At an impressive ceremony at the Guildhall, which was attended by the Prime Minister and other notables, Field-Marshal Viscount Alexander, Governor-General designate of Canada, was granted the Freedom of the City of London.

At the special request of Viscount Alexander eight men, who won the Victoria Cross when serving under his command, were present on the dais.

Leading members of the Cabinet and of the Opposition, including Mr. Clement Attlee and Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, attended.

The Lord Mayor presented a sword to the Field-Marshal. It was similar to the one which was presented to Lord Allenby when he was made a Freeman 25 years ago.

The City Chamberlain likened him to Alexander The Great and said: "Each will be remembered as one of the most consummate generals of all time."—Reuter.

London, March 20.
The Vatican Radio reported that the Pope to-day received in far-well audience the retiring Portuguese Ambassador to the Holy See.

The envoy is leaving Rome on March 22 to take his post as ambassador to the Holy See in Lisbon.—Reuter.

END OF "WARSPITE"

London, Mar. 20.
"Approved for H.M.S. Warspite to be scrapped". In these seven words the Admiralty announced the death of the Warspite, an old lady of the Royal Navy after historic service, which began at the battle of Jutland in 1916 and ended with the bombardment of Walcheren, in support of the Scheldt landings, in 1944.—Reuter.

Savings Books Altered

London, March 20.
Two ex-servicemen were at Old Bailey to-day sent to prison for what was stated to be a prevalent fraud of altering figures in war gratuities Post Office savings books.

Charles Maton, 23, of High Wycombe, who admitted obtaining 296 by forgery, was sent to prison for three months.

Mr. James Dudge, prosecuting, said that the Post Office book there has nothing to show how many years the men had served. Figures could be altered without suspicion being raised.

Maton's gratuity was £38 8s. 6d. He altered this to £138 8s. 6d.

It was stated Maton had asked for 32 outstanding offences to be taken into consideration.

In another case, Frederick Cyril Stapleton, 36, ex-aircraftman, was sent to prison for 12 months for forging his savings book, obtaining £50 by the forged book and attempting to obtain another £50 by similar means.

It was stated Stapleton was sent his savings book containing a gratuity of £67 15s. 6d. He was said to have altered the figure to £197 15s. 6d., withdrawn some money, and had been arrested after altering the balance of £144 to £744. Stapleton asked for 15 outstanding offences to be taken into consideration.—Reuter.

U.S. CREDITS TO CHINA

Washington, Mar. 20.
The Export and Import bank announced today the preliminary authorization of \$33,793,000 in credits to China for the purchase of goods and supplies in the United States. These include ships, railways and coalmine equipment and also auxiliary power plants.

The announcement said that details of the proposed credits are subject to negotiations which are expected to be completed in the next few weeks. Meanwhile, it was announced an agreement has been signed putting into effect an earlier authorized credit of \$33,030,000 to the United States available to China's textile industry. The proposed credits will be used as follows: for six coastal cargo vessels from the maritime commission, varying shipping administration and private owners—\$6,843,000; for railroad repair equipment, including 90,000 tons of rails and 60,000 tons of bridge steel—\$16,650,000; for five 10,000 kilowatt units of auxiliary steam power plants—\$8,800,000; for various mining equipment \$1,500,000.

The interest rates will be three and one half per cent on shipping and three per cent on other items. Loans range from 15 to 30 years, with the principal to be retired installments.—Associated Press.

Releases Since June

London, Mar. 20.
Releases of men and women from the British forces since June 16, 1945 totalled 2,810,000, and the number discharged during February was 363,380. Mr. George Isaacs, Minister of Labour, said in the House of Commons in answer to a parliamentary question to-day.

Mr. L. J. Callaghan, Labour member, asked: "Do you realize that this will cause some disappointment because you are \$5,000 below your target?" Will Isaacs

TOMMY'S IN THE DOG-HOUSE

Stockbridge, March 20.
Among the 370 pet dogs of servicemen from abroad now housed in No. 1 military quarantine camp at Chulbolton Down near Stockbridge, is "Tommy" the poodle belonging to Field-Marshal Montgomery.

Tommy, who has been with the Field Marshal in Germany is now with other dogs undergoing six months' observation at the camp where he was visited on Sunday by his master.

Another dog "Butch" a bulldog from Lamerton has with him his crime sheet on which are three entries—first, that he was guilty of an act prejudicial to Naval discipline in that he used the Captain's quarters for an improper purpose; secondly, that he refused to vacate the place when ordered to do so by a superior officer; and thirdly that he loitered in the first Lieutenant's cabin with intent to commit a felony. For these crimes he was ordered to have 28 days without bones and be reduced to a diet of chopped ham.

Another dog, a retriever, belonging to a Paymaster Sapper, understands 23 dialects and his owner intends him to have a stage career.

Sixty-three of the dogs have been on active service. The camp which is the only one of its kind in Britain makes it possible for servicemen to bring home pet dogs and have them looked after by the Veterinarian Corps.—Reuter.

Berlin, March 20.
Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary of the British Trades Union Council, arrived in Berlin by air today to present to the German trade union movement the findings of the delegation representing the World Federation of Trade Unions, which recently visited Germany.—Reuter.

Meeting Which Tried To Avert The War

London, March 20.
A statement on the talks which seven business men had with Goering in the summer of 1939 was issued in London to-night. It had been approved by six of the men mentioned by Giger Dahlerus at to-day's hearing of the Nuremberg trials. The seventh man, Frederick Spancer, has since died.

Japanese Liberals Fear Reactionaries

Washington, Mar. 20.
Brigadier General K. R. Dyke reported to-day that the occupation of Japan was made more difficult by the growing Japanese feeling that the Allies may not remain to finish the job.

Brigadier General Dyke is the Chief of General MacArthur's information and educational division.

He said that some of the liberal leaders were inclined to believe that the occupation would not last more than five years, and as a result, were afraid to come out from under the hedgerows. He also said: "Their attitude is that reactionaries would return to power and the liberals would be treated as quislings, and that is just what would happen."

At present, Dyke is on a trip to the United States to recruit qualified administrative personnel. Dyke explained that such personnel was exactly what Japan needs to make the democratic education of Japan a success, and expressed his belief that such education of the whole mass of the Japanese people would take at least a generation.—Associated Press.

Mr. Isaacs replied: "We are working on the law of averages and we hope we shall be able to cross during March to bring that up nearer to the target."

IRAN FILES FORMAL CHARGE WITH U.N.O.

WASHINGTON, MAR. 20.
IRAN YESTERDAY FORMALLY CHARGED RUSSIA WITH VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AND INTERFERING WITH IRANIAN AFFAIRS "THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF SOVIET AGENTS, OFFICIALS AND ARMED FORCES."

THE CHARGES WERE MADE BY THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT IN APPEALING TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL FOR "AN IMMEDIATE AND JUST SOLUTION" TO THE DISPUTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION. IRAN SAID THE CONTINUANCE OF THE DISPUTE "IS LIKELY TO ENDANGER MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY."

KURDS ATTACK IRAN BORDER

Teheran, March 20.
A force of almost 3,000 Kurdish Tribesmen is attacking three Iranian garrisons, east of the Iran-Iraq frontier, an Iranian Staff Officer said here to-day.

The garrisons are Sardasht, Baneh and Salakh, about 70 miles south of Lake Urmia on the frontier. The towns have been under attack for weeks. The defenders were receiving support from seven Iranian planes, the officer added.

Kurds from Iran and Iraq were involved in the fighting, while strangers speaking the Turkish dialect similar to that spoken in Northern Azerbaijan have been reported among the tribesmen.—Reuter.

London, Mar. 20.
An Admiralty announcement today stated that Rear-Admiral O. H. L. Woodhouse, C.B., has been appointed Rear-Admiral (Aircraft Carrier) of the British Pacific Fleet, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Philip Vian, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O.—Reuter.

The appeal to the Council was presented to Secretary-General Trygve Lie on behalf of the Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala and circulated by Lie to the embassies of the 11 nations of the Security Council.

The Iranian Right Wing leader Sayyed Zia-ed-dine Tabataba'i, said in Teheran yesterday that "Iran now has a new case for the Security Council."

Whereas the protest offered at the London session of the Council charged Russian intervention in Iranian internal affairs, the present charge, he said, could be a violation of international treaty by retaining troops in Iran after March 2.

Tabataba'i told newsmen he was informed that four members of the cabinet which met in closed session on Monday night opposed an appeal to the United Nations, and he believed the decision then was in the hands of Premier Qavam Es Sultaneh who holds the portfolios of Premier, Interior and Foreign Affairs.

Russian Pressure
Tabataba'i said also he believed the Russians were "exerting pressure" on the Prime Minister and on the nation by the reinforcement of garrisons and movements of combat troops in the north "to drop the charges presented earlier before the United Nations."

Reports in New York and London that Qavam was discussing all concessions with a "Russian expert" were discounted by Tabataba'i who added "I am confident the Prime Minister did not enter into any secret agreements with the Russians in Moscow."

The same reports were categorically denied by Under-Secretary Prince Mozaffar Firouz who referred to the law carrying eight years imprisonment for discussing oil concessions while foreign troops are on Iranian soil.—Associated Press.

HORSE "LOVES CHARCOAL"

Melbourne, March 20.
At the advanced equine age of 14, a coal-black horse is still in harness here, baffling farmers, harness men and proprietors of riding schools, who constantly telephone his 71-year-old master to ask for the secret of the animal's phenomenally prolonged strength.

"Charcoal," answers the master. "Every day I give him a horse-sene tin full of chaff and a dipper of bran," he explained. "And once a fortnight I add to that a cup of ground charcoal. That keeps his blood pure, keeps his teeth white and gives him energy."

The owner thinks that the horse will last another 10 years.—Reuter.

HOOVER IN PARIS

Paris, Mar. 20.
Herbert Hoover arrived here by plane from the United States yesterday to begin his fact-finding tour of Europe's food needs. The former president, who will visit various European countries, declined to make a statement.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast: — Cloudy, fresh to light north-easterly winds.

Yesterday's temperature: —
Maximum: — 16 degrees at 4 p.m.
Minimum: — 50 degrees at 10 a.m.
Maximum humidity: — 77 per cent.
Sunshine: — Nil.

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Free Speech

Tentative moves by Sir Oswald Mosley to stage a political comeback have disturbed and irritated the British public. British troops, particularly those still serving overseas, have been angered at the idea that the same political doctrines against which they successfully fought should continue to be propagated at home. The Communists, on the other hand, are delighted, since it gives them a renewed opportunity to rant and rave against Fascism and, in the process, to suggest that everyone who is not a Communist must be a Fascist or at least a "Fascist sympathiser." Suggestions have been made that Mosley should be banned. Some people have even recommended that legislation should be passed under which he could be imprisoned. The Socialist Government has courageously rejected such proposals. It has been argued that political rights and free speech could reasonably be withheld from those who only wish to use them in order that, when they obtained power, they could deny them to others. Acceptance of this principle would, of course, involve withdrawing political rights from Communists as well as from Fascists. But what is worse, it would compromise the effectiveness of the most powerful weapon which free men possess against both Fascist and Communist tyranny—free speech. Englishmen and Americans, with their age-old traditions of freedom and tolerance, are apt to take their advantages too much for granted. We are apt to forget that political freedom is a rarity and that most of the world, throughout history, has lived in conditions of political servitude. Taking our freedom for granted, we are apt to close our eyes to the way in which it is menaced to-day all over the world. The mood of the Anglo-Saxon world, after its immense exertions in the war, is one which assumes that our victory has automatically insured the ideals for which we fought. Voltaire said, "I do not agree with a word that you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." How many people since Voltaire's time have paid lip service to this glorious conception? And how few really act on it when they find people expressing opinions with which they disagree! Yet it is in the constant proclamation of this faith that the surest defence of freedom lies. If, out of dislike of Fascism, we in any way curtail the absolute right of men to express their opinions, however wrong-headed they may be, we would be blunting the sharpest weapon in the armory of democracy. And we would have justified in advance the very repression which tyrants would like to use against us. Liberty to-day is not indanger from cranks and adventurers of the Mosley stamp. It is endangered far more by our own complacency and muddled thinking. The British people have shown they are prepared to die for the cause of freedom. It would not be necessary for recurrent generations of Englishmen to die in this cause if they valued it more in peacetime.

Common Gaming House

A 20-year-old woman, Lam Lin, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with keeping a common gaming house at No. 214, Hollywood Road, on Tuesday. Four others who were found on the premises were charged with gambling.

C. S. I. Lau, who prosecuted, said that the premises were used as a "Two-Fa" lottery house. A fine of \$50 was imposed. The four others who failed to appear had their bail of \$25 forfeited.

NAVY PILOT UNHURT BY CRASH

The continued search by four Naval ships, Sunderlands, Avengers and Sea-otters this morning for the Fleet Air Arm Corsair which was made a forced landing into the sea on Monday afternoon was rewarded when, at about 6 a.m. yesterday, a Fleet Air Arm Sea-otter, which had been patrolling the coast off Mirs Bay for over one and a half hours, has its attention attracted by the Vero light of the pilot.

The pilot, Sub-Lieut. (A) A. Jackson, R.N.V.R., who had already started to look for Kai Tak, airfield, was taken in a sampan to the plane. He was not injured.

The Corsair had been out on exercises in conjunction with H.M.S. Euryalus, and the pilot was forced to ditch his plane at about 5.30 p.m. on Monday, after he had sent out a message, solely owing to the bad weather. The bad weather also prevented further radio contact and consequently the exact position was unknown.

He went into the sea a few hundred yards from a bench, paddled ashore in his dinghy and took shelter in a Chinese fishing village.

Readers' Letters

Ignorance Of V.D.

Sir,—I remember reading in your paper the addresses of civilian male and female V.D. clinics to which any person could go to have an examination and, if necessary, free treatment. I thought then that these clinics would lessen considerably the percentage of V.D. until I learned that some prostitutes are totally ignorant of this affliction, and others, who know something about it, think that a few days' treatment will cure the ailment as easily as if it were a common cold.

It is regrettable to think some persons have V.D. and don't know of its presence, and that others have contracted it but don't realise the serious consequences. How will Hong Kong ever have a negligible V.D. rate if such persons aren't told about the signs, symptoms and complications of this disease?

I suggest that—if it is not already being done—something ought to be printed in the Chinese newspapers, similar to "From a Doctor's Diary," which appears in many British newspapers and periodicals, to reveal the facts of V.D.

BLUE LIGHT.

Danger To Morale

Sir,—In the past there have been many complaints from the multitudinous Services in Hong Kong, this latest grumble is comprehensive and, although not vociferous, is dangerous to good morale in a peace-sick atmosphere.

The disparity between the Officers and men, though great during actual "combat" hostilities was acceptable to most men with an atom of "common" sense. Now that this rot of rehabilitation, demobilisation and "fitting men for their old posts" etc. has taken a hold on the far too susceptible minds of the non-intelligentsia, the status of Officers has grown in direct proportion to the need for them. Clubs are free, transport is plentiful, they can escort W.A.A.F.s dressed in civilian clothes, spirits and wines are nearly given to them to the detriment of the Exchequer & Customs, they can buy nearly all they require at their own shop and, very important too, they are permitted to roam like wolves, the streets after all good Other Ranks have been tucked in their little camp beds by burly Sergeants.

If Officers earned less than O.R.s then Clubs should be free, if they had physical deformities they would be entitled to transport, if the primeval urges of O.R.s were more uncontrolled than Officers then the W.A.A.F.s would be far safer in their "passion stopping" zoos, if the percentage of alcohol poisoned personnel were higher in the Ranks than in the "Circles" then the Ranks should stay on Australian Beer, the Ranks do not really require a shop for there is always the Markets, and lastly, everybody knows how undesirable it is to have coarse men at the conclusion of dances.

Verily! It is a strange war we have come through, the pride, privilege and pomp we all believed had been resurrected by the new inventions of frightened, power hungry men, scared of losing the authority they wrested from the masses during times of stress.

Again, I ask, "was it worth it all?"

OMNIA VINCIT LABOR.

What We Did

Sir,—May I also have the privilege of confronting "Pax Americana" with a few more facts, this time concerning Britain's technical achievements in six years of war.

First, Radar. Contrary to popular belief, this weapon, which was radically affected the entire strategy and tactics of air and naval warfare, was first developed by British scientists over ten years ago, and was in full use for the defence of England in 1935. In 1940, when we stood very much alone, yet gave "all-out" Radar secrets unconditionally to the U.S.

and a year later gave her many of our own badly needed sets to defend her West Coast against the threat of Japanese attack.

At the same time our scientists conceived and gave to the U.S. the famous Radio Proximity Fuse, described as the most revolutionary advance in anti-aircraft gunnery yet.

Second, Jet Propulsion. Many have heard of America's widely publicized achievements in this field, but how many are aware that it was Britain who developed it, or that the first U.S. plane to exceed 500 m.p.h. was fitted with a British De Havilland Goblin jet engine? Also the only operational Allied jet aircraft in service in this last war was the British Meteor, which later broke the world speed record, at a speed of 606 m.p.h.

I strongly assert that we also produced the first orthodox fighting aircraft in the world. The Spitfire, designed some 12 years ago, is still among the fastest in its class, topping 460 m.p.h. The Mosquito, light bomber, (by British standards), used to carry to Berlin as heavy a bombload as the much vaunted Flying Fortress, did it at twice the speed, with a crew of 2 instead of 12, and requiring no fighter escort. Incidentally, whereas U.S. bombers have never carried a bomb heavier than 2,000 pounds (about a ton), Royal Air Force Lancasters, produced in thousands, were dropping 22,000 pounds (ten tonners) regularly on German targets.

Doubtless it will also surprise many to learn that the Mustang, fastest U.S. fighter, was not only built to British specifications, but is equipped with a British Rolls Royce Merlin engine, originally designed for British fighters ten years ago.

The "obsolete and tradition bound" Royal Navy pioneered naval radar long before the war, later gave the U.S. full details of secret anti-submarine gear without which the Battle of the Atlantic, and quite possibly the whole war, would have been lost. In the Pacific, our aircraft carriers, once described by a U.S. columnist as being totally unfitted for modern warfare, suffered only superficial damage from suicide hits, due to our laughter at policy of fitting armoured decks, while wooden decked U.S. carriers were left blazing wrecks. Had our advice been heeded, many American lives would have been saved.

And don't forget the British has put many well equipped armies into the field all over the world. With all due apologies to Errol Flynn, the British Commonwealth put three quarters of a million troops into Burma, compared with some seven thousand American combat troops.

Commonwealth units accounted for some 42 per cent. of all Japanese casualties in the Far East. Food for thought for those critics of our effort in this area.

Yes, our men are fine fighters. Those whose memories go back to the North African campaign will recall the fine work of the British Guards after the German breakthrough at the Kasernen Pass.

No "Pax Americana." Don't swallow all that your newspapers tell you; they only give you the stuff you like to read. Maybe you did 90 per cent. of the talking, but certainly not 90 per cent. of the fighting. Twisting the Lion's tail is an old established sport in America, but it has gone too far. The people of Britain consider that they are entitled to some recognition of their colossal war effort, especially as they look like getting very little other immediate reward for six years of war which has wrecked hundreds of thousands of their homes and smothered their bellies.

D. V. HUNTER.

BRITON CHARGED

San Francisco, Mar. 20. Bertell Alexander McKenzie, a 40-year-old British resident of Shanghai, was charged here by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with illegal entry into the United States. He is said to have stowed away on board the "Flying Mint" at Shanghai on February 26.—Associated Press.

PRE-VJ DAY OFFENCE

Wan Yuk-chen, married woman, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday for fraudulent conversion of \$2,000 worth of clothing and household furniture at No. 7, Graham Street, first floor, between July 10 and August 15, 1945.

C. S. I. Fong said that the furniture and clothing were entrusted to the accused by her fellow tenant Li, when complaining left the Colony. When complainant returned to her home at No. 7, Graham Street, she found all her furniture and clothing had been sold by the accused.

The weekly lecture in the Catholic Centre today at 6.30 has a pertinent interest in view of the creation of new Cardinals at the recent Consistory in Rome.

The lecturer will be Fr. Joseph Garland, S.J., a recent arrival in the Colony from Ireland, and at present Professor of Moral Theology in the Regional Seminary. The title of Fr. Garland's talk will be "Princes in Purple." Admission to these lectures is free and all Servicemen are specially invited.

Chunpink, Mar. 20. A dispatch from Peiping said that Li Wan-chun, well known Chinese opera star, has been arrested on a charge of collaborating with the enemy during the war.—Associated Press.

Food And Fuel Costs

The following are the official Government figures of Food and Fuel costs for the week ending March 16, with comparisons:—

Commodities	Catties	Week ending 9.3.46	Week ending 16.3.46
Rice	7.2	1.440	1.440
Vegetables	1.9	.912	.950
Salt Cabbage	.2	.110	.118
Oil	.7	1.974	1.981
Tea	.2	.960	.960
Salt Fish	.3	.867	.777
Fish	.4	.892	.872
Pork	.3	1.383	1.155
Firewood	10.0	1.500	1.500
Bean Card	14 pieces	.700	.700
Total		\$ 10.783	\$ 10.453

Policeman Appeals Against Decision

On the ground that he was not given the opportunity to present his case fully, Tsang Fook-yu, a member of the Hong Kong Police Force, brought an appeal against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal in the Court of Appeal, with Mr. Leo d'Almada presiding, yesterday.

Tsang was appealing against the decision of the Tribunal in granting an application for eviction against him to Wong Yuen Shing Firm in respect of No. 4, Connaught Road West, first floor.

Alfred Y. Hon appeared for appellant while Mr. Peter H. Sin was for the respondent.

Mr. Hon said that before the Tenancy Tribunal he had been stopped before he had completed his cross-examination of a witness and the chairman, without even hearing opponent's evidence, came to his conclusion.

Appellant, said Mr. Hon, moved into the premises on Sept. 10, 1945, on a certain arrangement with the landlord's agent, with the payment of \$2,000 as advance money or back rent. The monthly rental was agreed at \$100. Lai Kit then handed the key of the premises to appellant.

Mr. Hon submitted that Lai was not a reliable man and should not have been believed to the extent by the Tribunal. He further submitted that the Tribunal could not have been in a position to adjudicate the hearing of the facts adduced at that stage before it when he was stopped in his cross-examination.

Mr. Hon added that he was entitled to a re-hearing and suggested that the application should be heard again by a new Tribunal.

Re-hearing Granted.

Mr. Sin submitted that the findings of the Tribunal were based on facts. He said that if the Tribunal was satisfied that there was no point in proceeding further the Tribunal was justified in stopping the proceedings and deciding on the issue.

Giving decisions on Mr. Hon's application Mr. d'Almada said he would eventually say nothing about the merits of the case but would confine himself to the point to whether to allow Mr. Hon's application for re-hearing of the application.

"Black Marketeers" Fill Courts

Another batch of black market operators were brought before Mr. A. d'Arculi at the Summary Military Court yesterday charged with selling milk, butter and other commodities in excess of the official price in the Central district.

Wong Ho was fined \$200 or eight weeks' hard labour, for selling butter at \$4.00 per pound and for failing to affix the price at Man Wah Lane.

Lau Kit was fined \$400 or 16 weeks' hard labour for selling butter at \$6.50 per pound and milk at \$1.20 per tin, at Pottinger Street.

A total fine of \$300 or 12 weeks' was imposed on Man Wing for similar offences at Bonham Street East.

Ko Kwan was fined \$200 or eight weeks for the same offence at Jubilee Street. He was alleged to have sold condensed milk at \$1.80 per tin.

Leung Chi was fined \$250 or three months' hard labour, and So Yuen, \$200 or eight weeks'. Three others, Yuen Ying, Li Ho-ye and Chung Yik-man, had their bail of \$200 forfeited, when they failed to appear.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada presided in all cases.

Kowloon Sentences

Representatives and managers of 14 grocery stores were summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer in Kowloon yesterday. All defendants, except the manager of the Yat Cheong Store, Pang Ching, pleaded guilty to two charges of selling foodstuffs over the Government price and failing to display the price.

Chief Detective Inspector Fraser, Inspector White and Inspector Forster prosecuted.

For selling one lb. of Nestle's cocoa at \$3.50, Cheung Pak, shop fohi, was fined \$100. A fine of

\$50 was also imposed on the second charge of not displaying the price.

For getting a catty of slab sugar at \$1.30 per catty, 50 cents in excess of the controlled price, four Chinese, including the managers of Cheung Pak Kee, Kee Kee Grocers and Woo Yick Store, were fined \$100 each. For not displaying the price, a fine of \$50 was imposed.

Peanut Oil

Representatives of Hop Ki Lung, Kai Koo, Grocery Shop, Kung Cheong Store, Yu Chan Grocery Store and Nan Chan Cheong Grocers were found guilty of selling a catty of peanut oil each at \$2.10, \$2.20 and \$2.50. Ip Kin of Kai Kee Grocery Shop was fined \$150. The others were fined \$100 each. On the charge of not showing the price, all were fined \$50.

A fine of \$125 was imposed on Li Ng for selling a catty of slab sugar for \$1.50. A fine of \$50 was imposed on the second charge.

Cheung Shut and Chan Chau Wong were summoned for selling butter and Nestle's Malted Milk at \$6.00 and \$5.00 respectively. First accused was fined \$100 and second accused \$50.

The manager of Yat Cheong Store, Pang Ching, was charged with selling a lb. of cheese and ½ lb. butter at prices above the Government price and with not displaying the price. The case was adjourned till this morning.

The master of the Cheung Fat Cheung Shop, at No. 168, Des Voeux Road Central, was charged before Mr. A. d'Arculi at the Summary Military Court on four counts of selling butter and milk at the black market price and with failing to affix prices.

It was stated that accused sold a four-ounce tin of butter for \$10, and obtained \$2.50 for a tin of condensed milk.

A total fine of \$700 was imposed.

Funeral

Alberto J. Osmund

The funeral of the late Mr. Alberto J. Osmund was held in the Catholic Cemetery yesterday. The Rev. Father D. Page took the service. The deceased, who died on Thursday, was 47 years of age. He is survived by his widow, two daughters and two brothers.

The chief mourners were his daughter, Miss Alice Osmund, Mr. L. A. Osmund and Mr. C. F. Osmund, Messrs. A. F. Osmund, C. Osmund and J. M. Fonseca.

Among those present were Messrs. Leo d'Almada, M. P. Baptista, F. X. d'Almada, A. A. Baptista, N. C. Baptista, A. J. Baptista, F. E. Silva, C. F. Yip, F. X. Noronha, A. J. M. Rodriguez, B. L. Barcos, E. L. Cunha, Fred Hill, William Stokes, A. C. Rosario, G. E. Marquis, D. F. Lopes, A. E. Osmund, L. A. da Costa, P. X. A. Remedios, F. A. Remedios, E. C. Rosas, E. C. Rosas, F. A. Noronha, M. R. Beltrão, A. F. Noronha, N. U. Botelho, F. A. Xavier, R. R. Pearson, E. L. Hsiao, W. P. Pichols, Wong Fook-wong, S. B. Sequeira, Wong Shek-kwan and J. No-lasco.

Floral tributes were from Carl, Clary, Bobby and Joyce, Pauline Arnulphy, Maria Fonseca Osorio and family, Messrs. Percy Lai, L. Hon, M. Lai and W. F. Lee, W. Hong Shing, H. S. Young, Carlos Arnulphy, R. F. Pichols, E. L. Hsiao, Mr. Pearson and Mrs. F. A. Hill and C. A. Gomes, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Madar and Miss L. Madar, Staff of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Staff of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company and others.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (HONG KONG)

PROCLAMATION NO. 4

DELEGATION OF POWERS (AMENDMENT)

ARTICLE 3

REGULATION NO. 1—PRICE CONTROL

NOTICE

In pursuance of the powers vested in me under paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned Regulation, I, ALEXANDER BURGESS, Colonel, Civil Affairs, Supplies, Transport and Industry, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that the Schedule to the above-mentioned Regulation contained in a Notice made under the same Regulation on the 3rd day of December, 1945, is hereby amended by the addition of the following item, viz:—

Schedule:

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Colonel (C.A.)

Supplies, Transport & Industry.

NAVAL YARD STATEMENT

The following official statement was issued by the Captain Superintendent of the Naval Dockyard yesterday afternoon.

"The representatives of the Dockyard workmen were received by the Capt. Superintendent on Wednesday morning and were informed as to pay concessions and other points raised which had been decided on by the Capt. Superintendent after consultation with the Labour Advisory Board.

"As the delegates had no power to make any decision they have returned to report to the men.

"Notices acquainting the men of the pay concessions are being posted in the Dockyard establishments by the Capt. Superintendent.

Workers of the Royal Naval Dockyard were informed by their representatives at a mass meeting last night that the Yard Authorities had granted their principal demand, the restoration of basic rates of pay in operation before December last, and that such rates would be paid as from March 10.

Earlier in the afternoon six representatives of the men were in conference with the Captain Superintendent of the Dockyard, when they were informed of the Yard's decision.

As regards the pay of No. 1 and No. 2 mechanics the men were told that this would be increased, while other points raised by the men were still under consideration.

RAW OPIUM SEIZED

With Chief Revenue Officer R. P. Phillips presiding, five opium cases were decided by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday. Over 65 tins of raw opium were ordered to be confiscated to the I. & E. Office.

The biggest haul made by Revenue Officers at the K.C.R. Station was opium weighing 60 tins, found in a bag carried by Ng Tik Sang. Ng was fined \$5,000 or a year in jail.

A fine of \$300 or six weeks' hard labour was imposed on Yuen Fong, for possessing three tins of the drug. Li Hing, widow, was also arrested with three tins and fined \$300 or a month.

Mr. Phillips told the court that on Mar. 18, Revenue Officers approached Sin Kuen at the K.C.R. Station and searched him. Sin struggled and yelled to Chinese soldiers present to help him. Three tins of opium were found in Sin's boots. A fine of \$300 or two months' hard labour was imposed.

Lau Loi-tai, widow, was found guilty of the unlawful possession of seven tins of raw opium and fined \$700 or three months' imprisonment. She was arrested on a lorry at Castle Peak Road on Mar. 19.

A fine of \$900 or four months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday on a 42-year-old woman, Lai Tai, for being in possession of nine tins of raw opium at the Cheung Chow wharf, Connaught Road West on Tuesday.

C. F. O. Ward who prosecuted said that the opium was found around her waist.

FISH-POND FISHERMEN

Mr. Fok Hon Chuen, owner of the Man Fung Sing Fish Pond, Au Tau, Un Long, was the complainant before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday in a case in which eight men were accused of taking fish from his pond.

Inspector Robbwell told the Court that at 5 a.m. on Mar. 19 over 80 men were netting fish from Fok's pond. When the police arrived at 7.30 a.m., there were still over 30 men there. All defendants were fined \$5.

BRITONS NAMED AT TRIAL

London Financiers' Meeting With Goering

Peace Parley That Failed

NUERNBERG, MAR. 20. AFTER THE SWEDISH ENGINEER, BIRGER DAHLERUS, STAR WITNESS FOR HEERMANN GOERING, BLUNTLY ADMITTED THAT HE WAS USED AS A NAZI TOOL FOR PRE-WAR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WERE MERELY INTENDED TO SEPARATE BRITAIN FROM POLAND AND ENABLE GERMANY TO SMASH THE POLES WITHOUT INTERFERENCE, HEERMANN GOERING RETURNED TO THE WITNESS STAND AND VEHEMENTLY DENIED HIS OWN WITNESS' ACCUSATION.

"DURING THE WHOLE NEGOTIATIONS," DECLARED GOERING, "IT WAS NOT A QUESTION SO FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED OF ISOLATING POLAND AND KEEPING ENGLAND OUT OF THE QUARREL. BUT INSTEAD IT WAS A QUESTION OF BRINGING ABOUT SOME PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT ON THE LINES OF THE MUNICH AGREEMENT."

Speaking more loudly and animatedly than at any previous time, Goering added "If it had only been a question of eliminating England from the quarrel, English diplomacy would have recognized that it had enough training—and I would have used different tactics."

Dahlerus under cross-examination testified that he realized soon after the war began that the "German government" including Goering, intended the negotiations, in which he took a leading role, only to break the alliance. Before the outbreak of hostilities, Dahlerus said, he believed he could make a useful contribution toward peace as a private envoy to Britain on behalf of Goering and Hitler but "had I known what I know to-day I would know my efforts could not possibly succeed."

Would-Be Murderer

The British Prosecutor, Sir Maxwell Fyfe, quoted numerous extracts from Dahlerus' own book to show that the witness considered Hitler abnormal, that Goering was intoxicated with the idea of going to war and that Goering wanted him to join him in the crime of the plane carrying Dahlerus to London on his peace mission in August 1939.

Fyfe summed up "As I got it, then, of the three principal people in Germany, the Chancellor was not a normal, the Reich Marshal was in a crazy state of intoxication and the Foreign Minister was a would-be murderer who wanted to sabotage your plane."

Dahlerus named seven British businessmen as having participated in an unofficial peace parley with Goering on Dahlerus' wife's estate in Schleswig-Holstein. The tribunal had earlier ruled the names were unnecessary but later Fyfe requested that they be read because "we are anxious there be no concealment at all."

Seven Britons

The seven named were: the Honorable Charles McLaren of Messrs John Brown and Company Ltd., S.W.1, London; S. W. Rawson of Firth and John Brown Ltd., Sheffield; H. A. Holden of 46 New Broad Street, London; Brian S. Mountain of Eagle Star Insurance Company, London; C. A. Spencer, a director of John Brown and Company, London; and T. Mensforth, managing director of the Electric Hotpoint Appliance Company.

Nearly four weeks after the outbreak of the war, Hitler rejected a British proposal for a peace discussion, Dahlerus told the tribunal.

He said that Hitler's reaction in the refusal was "I am not prepared to discuss Poland. It has been occupied and is no longer any of Britain's business."

Dahlerus gave a detailed account of his peace negotiations which took him on a steady round of visits to Berlin, London and Stockholm beginning in July 1939 and continuing even until July 1940. At that time, he said, Goering suggested to him that King Gustav of Sweden should endeavour to initiate peace overtures.

Polish Boast

The witness asserted that Goering, on the eve of the outbreak of war, gave him a copy of Hitler's final note to Poland with instructions that it would be given secretly to the British Embassy in Berlin. At a British suggestion, Dahlerus said, he gave the note also to the Polish Ambassador Linsky but received the note from the ambassador that Poland is not interested in negotiating. If it comes to war with Poland I know there would be a revolution in Germany and we would march through to Berlin."

Describing the war's first day in Berlin, Dahlerus said that Goering told him the Poles had attacked a German radio station. Earlier, the prosecution produced captured documents showing this attack was a fake deliberately staged by the Nazis as an incident to excuse the attack on Poland.

Proposal Rejected

Dahlerus proposed that Goering fly to London for a final peace effort but he said the British had rejected the plan because they had not received Germany's reply to the British ultimatum.

Swede testified that he met British diplomat George Foss, formerly of the British Embassy in Oslo, and received proposals which Hitler rejected because Poland was already occupied. The American prosecutor Robert Jackson interrupted with an objection that the indictment did not charge England but he was overruled. The trial with accusation against the Nazis will continue tomorrow.

Hurt Him

Cape Town, Mar. 20. The ban imposed last week on Kathleen Winsor's best selling novel "Forever Amber" has been lifted by the South African Minister of the Interior, it was announced today.

(Mr. Walter Nash, New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, stated today that "Forever Amber," which is banned in New Zealand, "did so much damage to me that I do not want to talk about it any more.")—Reuter.

Strangled To Death

Budapest, Mar. 20. Three Hungarian Nylas (Nazis) were strangled to death—the legal method of hanging in Hungary—a week after former Premier Ferenc Szalasi was executed in the same manner.

The trio were Dr. Sándor Seiar, former political adviser to Szalasi; Baron Gábor Kemény, former Foreign Minister; and János Szollosy Szollosi, former deputy Premier. All served in Szalasi's pro-Nazi Hungarian regime. The executions accounted for the last of seven persons convicted as Hungarian war criminals.—Associated Press.

Surplus Army Property In Pacific

MANILA, MARCH 20. UNDER-SECRETARY OF WAR ROYALL ANNOUNCES THAT UNITED STATES MILITARY PROPERTY IN THE PACIFIC WHICH IS NEEDED IN THE UNITED STATES WILL BE RETURNED IN "EVER INCREASING AMOUNTS."

HE SAID THE PROPERTY WHICH WAS NEEDED BY THE OVERSEAS THEATRES BUT WHICH IS DETERIORATING DUE TO THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF MAINTENANCE WILL EITHER BE DECLARED AS SURPLUS TO FOREIGN LIQUIDATION COMMISSIONS OR RETURNED TO AMERICA IMMEDIATELY.

Liquidation Commission Chief Thomas McCabe said that millions of dollars of surplus goods and supplies on Okinawa cannot be shipped to China until docks built for more shipping are provided. He further said that all angles are being worked on to expedite the flow of goods.

Royall denied that there had been any wanton destruction of usable United States property in the Pacific. He said that dumping supplies at sea was the quickest and cheapest method of demilitarization. He said that 8,000 tons of munition, junked vehicles and weapons were recently dropped into the China Sea.

Both Royall and McCabe said that demobilization of key personnel was badly hampering the disposal of surplus property. McCabe reported an estimate of the potential surplus property marketable in the Pacific to be worth at least \$700,000,000 recovery value.

Some \$130,000,000 worth has already been sold or is in the process of being sold, plus \$80,000,000 more in direct transfer from the army and navy to the Dutch and Chinese governments.

The United States, he said, is getting about 37 cents on the dollar for surplus property scattered throughout the world. The Pacific Liquidation Commission.

H.C.L. IN MANILA

Manila, Mar. 20. The census and statistics bureau said that the cost of living in Manila increased slightly last week and now stands 610 per cent above the 1941 level. The increase changes the downward trend of the last four months.—Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Mar. 20. Harry Loones, 78-year-old horseman and Spanish-American war cavalry man who helped in the capture of the Philippine Insurrectionist, Aguilado, died in the Naval hospital here on Sunday.—Associated Press.

Truman On Atlantic Charter

Washington, Mar. 20. President Truman yesterday told Congress the United States must seek to perfect the United Nations Charter or betray the trust of those who fought for lasting peace and security.

The President's report on the activities of the United States delegates to the U.N.O. meeting in London said "The United States supports the Charter. The United States supports the implementation of the principles of the Charter. The United States seeks to achieve the purposes of the Charter and the United States seeks to perfect the Charter as experience lights the way."

"To do less than our utmost in this essential effort of peace loving nations, whatever may be the obstacles and difficulties, would be to betray the trust of those who fought to win the opportunity to have a world at last with peace and security and well being for all."

The report, prepared by Secretary of State James Byrnes, was submitted to Congress for its information.—Associated Press.

Ghost Camp Found On Island

Manila, Mar. 20. Several hundred skeletons of Japanese officers and soldiers have been found by a Philippine military police command patrol at the ghost camp of Major Nen Kono, commander of the remnants of the Japanese defense garrison at Negros Island.

The patrol raided the office of the provost marshal-general of the Philippines. The army camp was located at Sitio Pagasidan but not a single living Japanese was found.

The bodies were discovered lying in nipa houses and along the roads. Deaths were presumed to have been caused by hunger and disease, although it is not beyond probability that the unit committed mass suicide.

Hundreds of unserviceable navy guns were found in artillery emplacements. The post was located in a wild, almost inaccessible spot, rarely visited even by the natives.—Associated Press.

Cabinet Mission Leaves

London, March 20. Lord Pethick-Lawrence, member of the British Cabinet Mission which left for India yesterday, said that the aim of the group would be to bring the greatest assistance to the people of India in obtaining their rightful place in the comity of nations.

Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary for India told newsmen before boarding a plane for India, "We go out to enable Indians to work out the structure of their own constitution, to secure for them freedom and to bring the world a peace in that part of Asia which will endure."

Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade and also a member of the mission, said that he had "the highest hope that on this occasion we shall be able to work with the Indians and the Viceroy to bring about that measure of freedom for India outlined by the Prime Minister."

The third member of the mission, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, left in a separate plane. The party is expected to reach New Delhi on Sunday.—Associated Press.

London, Mar. 20. It is announced that the 45,000-ton American battleship "Missouri," with Admiral Kent Hewitt, Commander of the United States Naval Forces in Europe on board, will leave Gibraltar on March 31 for Istanbul, carrying the remains of the late Turkish Ambassador.—Reuter.

Inter-Party Strife Renewed In China

Chungking, March 20. China's Government and Communist quarrel flared anew yesterday amid mutual accusations of unprovoked military assaults and Communist threats to boycott the Government re-organization.

General Chen En-lai, China's No. 2 Communist leader, asserted that the Kuomintang Congress, which closed the day before, had taken decisions designed to preserve its long-time one-party rule of Government. Chou intimated that unless these steps are corrected his Party might not attend the Constitutional Assembly opening at Nanking on May 5 and might decline to go along with the Government unity programme to which all parties recently agreed.

Communist generals from Hupeh and Kwangtung provinces, meanwhile, charged Government forces with attacking and attempting to annihilate 50,000 Communists in one province and 10,000 in another.

Simultaneously, the newspaper "Ta Kung Pao" reported that over 20,000 Chinese Communists launched a heavy attack on Szechwan, key railway junction city midway between Mukden and Chungking. The post-war Government troops are described as critical with the assault continuing to inflict many casualties.

General Chou said the Kuomintang Congress session decided that its own standing committee should select other parties' representatives on the re-organized State Council and that it changed the proposed principles for drafting a new constitution. He said these actions "will mean the continuance of a one-party dictatorship instead of establishment of a democratic government."

None of the published resolutions by the Kuomintang Congress disclosed the one-party rule to which Chou objected.—Associated Press.

Manila, March 19. An estimated 5,500 Filipinos were charged with treason at the deadline date on March 18, for the filing of cases in the Philippine people's court. Men of all ages and sexes were presented to the regular courts.—Associated Press.

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FLOODS ABATE

Melbourne, Mar. 20. Floodwaters which caused five known deaths and endangered towns in the Western district of Victoria, abated yesterday, leaving buildings inundated, bridges destroyed and power and transport facilities disrupted. Most towns in the area are considered out of danger. The flood followed four days of continuous rain and night rain.—Associated Press.

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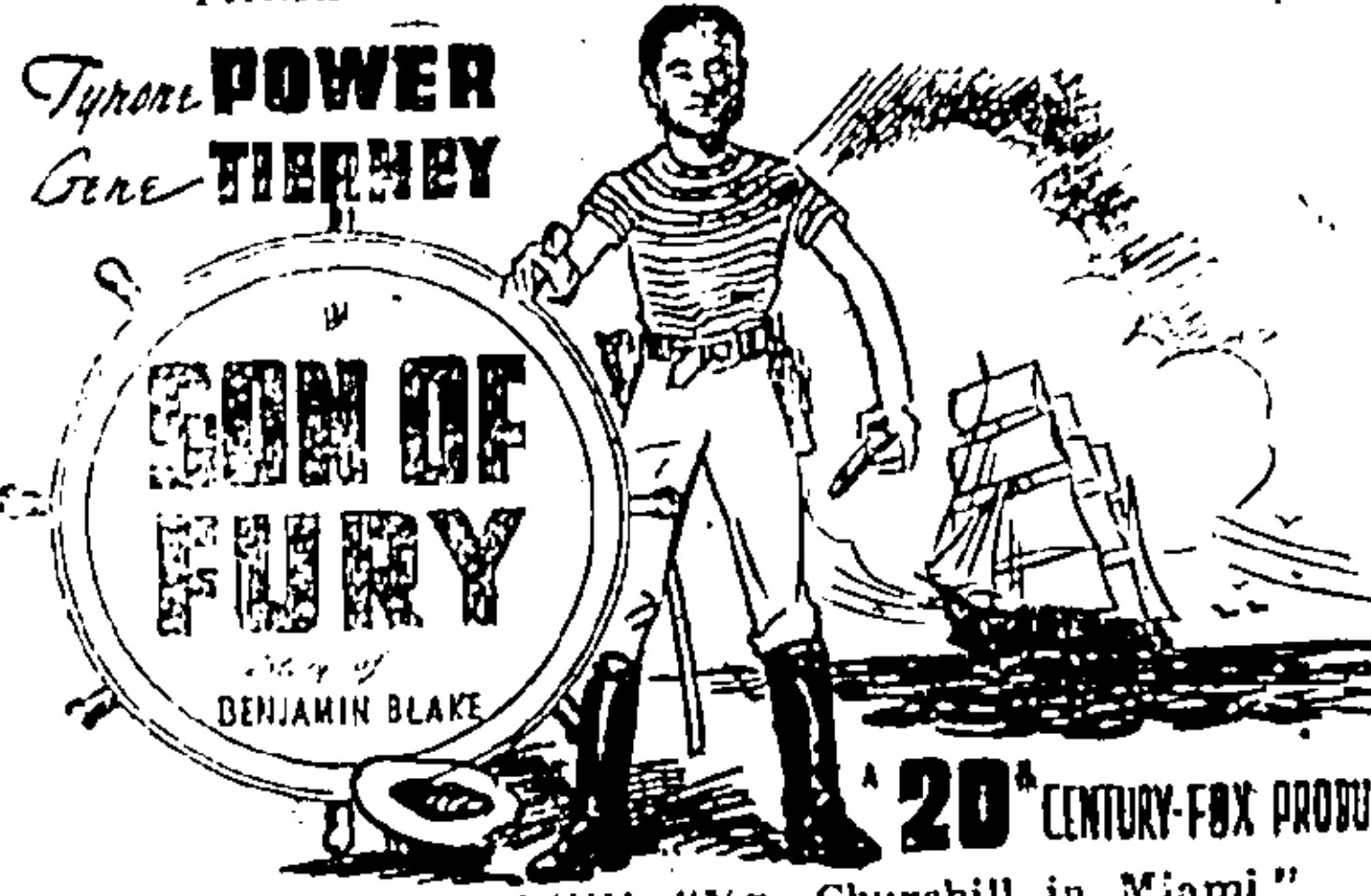


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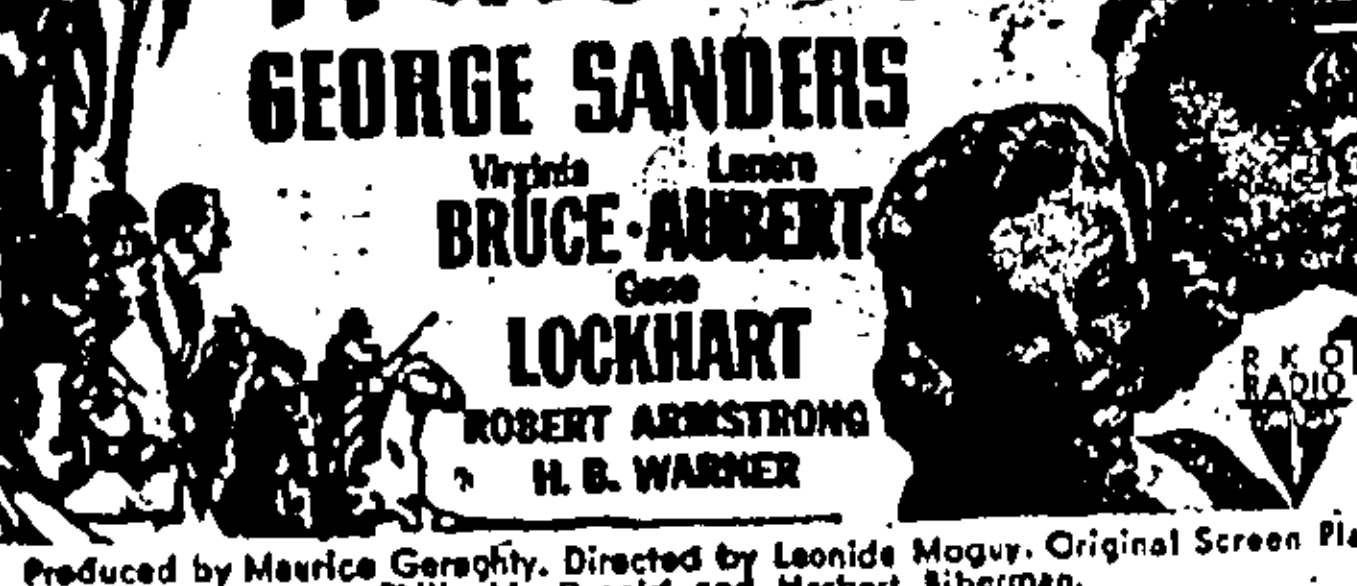


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Expert In The Dock Accused Scientist Who "Knows His Stuff"

LONDON, MAR. 20. THE ATOMIC ENERGY EXPERT, DR. ALAN MAY 34-YEAR-OLD LECTURER AT KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON, WAS TO-DAY COMMITTED FOR TRIAL AT THE CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT AFTER HIS SECOND APPEARANCE AT THE BOW STREET MAGISTRATES COURT ON THE CHARGE OF COMMUNICATING ATOMIC ENERGY SECRETS TO AN UNKNOWN PERSON.

MAY PLEADED NOT GUILTY AND RESERVED HIS DEFENCE. THE MAGISTRATE, MR. HAROLD MCKENNA, REFUSED BAIL ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE DID NOT THINK COULD TAKE THE RISK.

At to-day's proceedings, Mr. Anthony Hawke for the Director of Public Prosecutions said that May was working with a team of scientists in Canada from January, 1943 to September, 1945, and had access to secret reports and the latest developments in regard to atomic energy. On his own admission he had communicated in Canada last year to a person, whose identity he refused to divulge, a written report on atomic research. He had also given this person specimens of newly discovered material, which was a highly important secret.

The first witness, Deputy Commander Leonard Burt, Head of the Special Branch of Scotland Yard, described two interviews with May early this year, in which May denied any approaches had been made to him in Canada on the knowledge of leakage of atomic secrets. The second witness, Sir William Akers of the Imperial Chemical Industries, who supervised nuclear research in a special secret Government organisation, said that May would know of the latest developments in the use of uranium, but had not been working on the atomic bomb.

Appeal For Food Controls

Atlantic City, Mar. 20. Director-General Herbert Lehman yesterday called upon 47 governments in the U.N.R.R.A. to impose resolute wartime food controls, including the rationing of commodities in short supply, to meet the world's peacetime needs.

He told the delegates that "voluntary measures alone, no matter how energetically they are pursued, are not enough. They can be helpful but after food has moved into civilian consumption channels it is too late to re-empt it for shipment abroad."

Lehman said flatly "someone must re-hunger" adding that he could not "overstate my conviction that those who fought the enemy deserve to be considered first."

Philip Noel-Baker, Britain's Minister of State, declared the success or failure of the U.N.R.R.A. would prove a test whether future international cooperation is possible.—Associated Press.

PENICILLIN LOSING ITS PUNCH

(By Howard W. Blakeslee)

Atlantic City, March 19. Penicillin is losing its punch so rapidly that it is predicted that this wonder drug may become almost completely useless in a few years for a number of most prevalent diseases.

The trouble is not in penicillin but in special strains of germs present in many diseases which are able to resist penicillin and which are spreading rapidly while their fellows are being destroyed by the drug.

The prediction was made by Dr. Hans Molitor of Merck Institute Therapeutic Research in a report to the Federation of American Societies for experimental biology.

The trouble that penicillin faces is not new. It happens in most medical remedies. But in penicillin the increase in germs that tolerate the drug seems to be very rapid.

In some hospitals cures of gonorrhea by penicillin have dropped from the original almost 100 per cent to about 50 per cent. Similar decreases are going on in other diseases but not so rapidly. In gonorrhea more than 50 strains of germs are known.

It makes no difference to the patient which one causes the disease. But some of these strains resist penicillin.

Molitor did not say so but for some time other physicians have been discussing the possibility of these resistant strains in venereal disease because as they remain untouched they will spread until they are universally scattered.

Molitor said that there were several ways in which to regard the loss of penicillin's effectiveness. One is to give overdoses, great enough presumably to kill even resistant germs. This might be fairly safe with penicillin since it is not toxic.

Another is to combine several other drugs with penicillin. This is done occasionally now. It is not too satisfactory, however, since the combination causes bad reactions to some cases.

Another way is to give chemical compounds that make germs more sensitive to penicillin. Such drugs, Dr. Molitor said, are known. Some amino acids, for example, increase the sensitivity of disease germs. But this method is not easy because some acids sometimes have an opposite effect on germs.—Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

The crime in to-day's hand would be committed, we think, by ninety-nine out of a hundred bridge players.

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South Pass
West Pass

West opened the ten of hearts, and dummy won with the King to return the seven of spades for a trump finesse. West won with the King of spades and returned the nine of hearts, South winning with the Queen. Declarer drew trumps and led the ten of diamonds. West covered with the King, a diamond dummy won with the Ace. South then ran the rest of his trumps and the remaining top heart, discarding a club from dummy. But East held on doggedly to all his diamonds, and South had to give up a club at the end to West's Queen.

A brutal crime has taken place, fellow members of the homicide squad. See if you can spot it before you read on.

South was the criminal, and his crime consisted in leading the ten of diamonds. Granted that he had to win the diamond finesse to make the Slam, but that was still no reason to lead the ten. Correct play is to lead a low diamond, and finesse dummy's Jack. When that holds, South returns to his hand via the heart Ace to lead the other low diamond. As it happens, West would have to play his King, when dummy's dummy wins with the Ace and returns the low diamond to South's ten. Then dummy is put in with a trump to cash the diamond Queen, allowing South to discard the losing club.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

B. K 10 7 6
H. Q 5 4
D. 6
C. K J 8 8

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Male
18. Pass (2)
ANSWER: Bid two clubs. Your hand is too strong for a raise to two spades and not strong enough for a raise to three spades. You should therefore temporize by bidding your clubs.

Score 100 per cent for two clubs, 50 per cent for three spades, 50 per cent for two spades.

QUESTION
To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby Schenken You Male
18. Pass 20. Pass
28. Pass (7)
What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow).

Film Review

"KISS AND TELL"

This film, Shirley Temple's second since she grew up, is an amusing piece of nonsense. It moves swiftly, and as the plot becomes more and more complicated it gets progressively funnier. If the director had put a moral at the end of his story it would have undoubtedly been "What a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive."

Shirley Temple, who plays Corless Archer, a teen-ager who wants to grow up too quickly, is going to be one of the more competent young actresses in Hollywood soon. But the great delight of this film lies in its supporting players; they're all perfectly cast. You've seen them, for the most part, before but their names are probably unknown to you; they do much to make this tightly-knit little plot what it is. The younger players are all new, the youth who is cast as Dexter Frankel, Corless' boy-friend is really a discovery. He accurately portrays the awkward, gangling adolescent who can't move for crashing into the furniture, or the nearest tree-trunk.

The photography, by Charles Lawton, is uniformly pleasing and the direction is full of all humour. "Kiss and Tell" is showing at the L.A. Theatre, from to-day.

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Pandit Nehru Speech In Singapore

Singapore, March 20.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru yesterday called for Asiatic Unity "not for aggression against Europe or the West but for the freedom of every country in Asia."

Addressing a crowd of 75,000, the leader of the Congress Party, who came here to investigate the conditions of Indians in Malaya, pointed out that for more than 1,000 years India and China have avoided conflict with one another. "Some day every Indian will be a strong arm and these arms will fight for Asiatic freedom," Nehru said.

Earlier Nehru had failed to carry out the scheduled placing of a wreath at the spot where a memorial to the Indian National Army once stood. The memorial, erected by Subhas Chandra Bose, head of the pro-Japanese Indian National Army, was later destroyed by the British.

Singapore labour organisations placed wreaths there and raised Chinese and Indonesian flags while Indians wearing Indian National Army uniforms were seen on the streets of Singapore to-day. They held the red hat which he received from Pope Pius at the Consulate in Rome last month in Vatican City. "When he arrives in Sydney, Cardinal Gilroy will have flown more than 25,000 miles since India was not only for herself. January.—Reuter.

"FRAGILE" MARKS RED HAT

Hurn Airport, Mar. 20.

Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney and Australia's only cardinal, left here for home to-day in a British Overseas Airways Lancastrian.

Among his luggage was a large flat box bearing five labels marked "Fragile." It contained the red hat which he received from Pope Pius at the Consulate in Rome last month in Vatican City. "When he arrives in Sydney, Cardinal Gilroy will have flown more than 25,000 miles since India was not only for herself. January.—Reuter.

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23rd March, 1946, at the pre-
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22nd March, 1946, between 10.00
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p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

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Conditions of Sale published in
the 9th March, 1946 issue of
the Gazette, except that three
weeks will be allowed for re-
moval.

Hong Kong, Mar. 20, 1946.

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NOTICE

Pursuant to Sec. 16 of the
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1871, the undersigned has given
one month's notice from the 12th
March 1946 of his intention to
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be clearly marked "Tender for
making Uniforms" will be re-
ceived at the office of the Chair-
man, Tender Board, Public
Works Branch, Civil Affairs
Headquarters, until noon on Tues-
day, 26th March, 1946, for the
making of approximately 12,000
(twelve thousand) suits of uni-
forms to standard design in three
sizes, viz.: small, medium, and
large.

Sample uniforms may be seen
at Government Stores Depart-
ment, Electric Road.

Tenders are required for mak-
ing only.

All materials, etc.; will be sup-
plied.
Delivery of materials, etc.; and
collection of made up uniforms
will be arranged by the Control-
ler of Stores.

All surplus materials, etc.; to
be returned to Government Stores
Department.

Tenders may tender for the
whole or part.

Tenderers must attach with
each tender a receipt that they
have deposited at the Treasury,
Prince's Building, Des Voeux
Road, the sum of \$300.00 (Three
hundred dollars), as a pledge of
the bona fides of their tender
which sum shall be forfeited to the
Administration, if any tenderer
fails or refuses to carry out his
tender, should such tender be ac-
cepted.

The Administration does not
bind itself to accept the lowest or
any quotation and reserves the
right to accept all or any part of
each tender.

E. E. HAGGER,
Controller of Stores
Government Stores Department
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1946

**Chou En-lai Attacks
Kuomintang**

Chungking, March 20.

General Chou En-lai second in command of the Chinese
Communists, announced to-day that representatives of
both the National and Communist parties will meet
to-day to discuss his charges of the national party back-
sliding on the unity pledge.

He said "The Kuomintang is resorting to many tricks to
cheat the Chinese people" and unless the unity agree-
ments, reached at the behest of General George Mar-
shall were respected "I cannot see the way clear to re-
organisation of the Government."

General Chou attributed the
present confused situation in
Manchuria partly to the fact
that it took the Government
two months to agree to Mar-
shall's proposals and send a

Money Mart

After the sharp spurt of the
previous afternoon Chinese na-
tional currency had a relapse yes-
terday when it opened at HK\$2.55
to CN\$1,000 for futures and \$2.27
for spot. There was little busi-
ness during the day, and closing
quotations were \$2.25 and \$2.30
respectively.

Gold opened strong in the
morning at \$391 per tole and at
one time buyers offered \$405 but
toward the close the rate dropped
back to \$391.

U.S. dollars further weakened
to \$4.34, while English Sterling
and Australian pounds were
steady at \$10.70 and \$12.50 res-
pectively.

The following were yesterday's official
exchange rates as fixed by the Hong
Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation:

T/T London 15 27/32
Demand London 15 27/32
T/T Singapore 62 9/10
T/T India 42 1/2
T/T U.S.A. 24 1/2
T/T Manila 50 1/16
T/T France 297 1/2
T/T Switzerland 107 1/2
T/T Australia 1 1/2
T/T Canada 27 1/2
U.S. cross rate in London 42 1/2-3/4

SPORTS SECTION**Paterson Beats
Medina**

London, Mar. 19.
Jackie Paterson, world fly-
weight champion and British
Empire bantam-weight champion,
beat Medina, bantam-weight
champion of France, who was dis-
qualified for an alleged low punch
in the eighth round.

The match was scheduled for 15
rounds and the European bantam-
weight title. Medina beat Paterson
last November and was freely
tipped by British boxing writers
to win again after Paterson's
mixed form in recent fights.

Paterson sailed into Medina
from the opening and took first
round honours. Medina covered
well and fought back the next two,
Paterson's left eye needing atten-
tion.

Medina dashed Paterson to the
ropes in the fifth but in the sixth
met a terrific left hook to the jaw
which staggered him. Paterson
failed to follow up this advantage
at once but made Medina miss
frequently in the seventh round
when the Frenchman appeared
faster in punching.

Then the sensational eighth
round. Medina switched his tac-
tics to body attacks and gave
Paterson several hard punches to
the stomach and then one on the
jaw to take a count.

He came up but went down
again for the count and was reel-
ing across the ring when he rose
to meet the terrific-like rush of
Medina who against sent the
world champion to the canvas.

Paterson rose just in time but
almost helpless on the ropes when
Medina sent home a low punch
which sent Paterson to the knee
in agony and the referee never
hesitated in disqualifying the
Frenchman.—Reuter.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Melbourne, Mar. 20.
The decision to resume the
Olympic games has been strongly
criticized in some influential source
in Australia.

D. S. Carter, vice-President of
the Amateur Swimming Union,
and the editor of the "Melbourne
Herald" have both spoken against
the games.

Carter said "I had hoped the
games would never be revived.
They are nothing but a battle of
nations."

The "Herald's" editorial said
"Many people would think there
is sufficient international mis-
understanding to last for some
years without resuming the Olym-
pic games." The "Herald" de-
clared that the spirit behind inter-
national competition has not been
algebra sporting.—Associated
Press.

The boxing tournament at Lee
Theatre recently in aid of the
Warfare Association was a great
success. It is understood that an
open air tournament may be held
in the near future.

Information Minister K. C.

Wu denied the charge by Gen-
eral Chou En-lai that the Kuom-
intang Congress had under-
mined the decisions of the Janu-
ary political unity conference.

He said that Congress ap-
proved the conference's deci-
sions and that Chou had willful-
ly misrepresented the situation.

He added "He has some mo-
tive—possibly trying to cover
Communist tracks in Manchuria,
where conditions are every day
becoming more complicated.

The Communists possibly have
something new in mind from
which they are trying to dis-
tract attention, Wu charged.

He added further that there
are over 200 instances of Com-
munist attacks on Government
forces since the January 13
truce deadline by the Govern-
ment, but the attacks were not
published in accordance with
the "gentlemen's" agreement to
refrain such announcements to
the Sino-American truce head-
quarters at Peiping.

The "Central Daily News"
reported that Chinese Commu-
nists have broken through the
Government defences at the
rail junction town of Sze Oing-
kai, 100 miles north of Mukden
and that street fighting is in
progress.—Associated Press.

**SHIPPING
MOVEMENTS****Arrivals**

Yesterday:—H.M.S. Gauvery,
S.S. Hunch, S.S. Frank D. Kellogg,
S.S. China Mail, S.S. Quanna,
H.M.S. Furyus, H.M.S. Hogue.

Scheduled Arrivals

To-morrow:—H.M.S. Black
Swan, S.S. Ocean Pilgrim, S.S.
Dunera, U.S.S. Spangler, S.S.
Garden Park.
Saturday:—Los Angeles, U.S.S.
Camer, H.M.S. Bonaventure, S.S.
Orlita, U.S.S. Gary.

Departures

Yesterday:—H.M.S. Hogue,
H.M.S. Phensant, H.M.S. Crane,
S.S. Kweiyang, H.M.S. Contest.

Scheduled Departures

To-day:—U.S.S. Iolanda, S.S.
Emoire Brutus.
To-morrow:—S.S. Helena Moller,
S.S. Eang, S.S. Wingsang.
Saturday:—H.M.S. Penmoor,
S.S. Emire Perle, S.S. Fort Du-
quesne.

**SOVIETS LEAVE
CHANGCHUN**

Chungking, Mar. 20.

The Central News Agency
yesterday said that Russian
troops garrisoned west of
Changchun, capital of Man-
churia, have begun withdrawing
and that indications point to
their withdrawal from the city
itself shortly.

The Agency said the Russians
requested the Chinese to be
ready to take over the building
used as the Soviet Headquarters
in Changchun.—Associated
Press.

**IMPORTANT TIME
FOR CHINA**

Chungking, Mar. 20.

General Chou En-lai, second
in command of the Chinese Com-
munist forces, said yesterday
that he fully endorses the
statement made in Washington
on Saturday by General George
Marshall that "the next few
months are of tremendous im-
portance to the Chinese people."

Chou added "And I think, to the
future of world peace."—Asso-
ciated Press.

**Who Is The
Fastest Amateur
Miler Now**

London, Mar. 20.

Disqualification for life as
amateur runners for Gunder
Hagge and Arne Anderson leaves
Sydney Wooderson as the fastest
amateur miler in the world.

Wooderson was the world's
record holder with 4 mins. 6.4 secs.
in 1937, but since then the record
fell to Hagge with 4 mins. 4.2 secs.
last year in a race won by An-
derson in 4 mins. 3.8 secs.

It has been announced that the
records as established by Hagge
and Anderson in the various dis-
tances will stand on the world
list.

Wooderson nowadays is concen-
trating on longer distances and
says he has no further plans for
the world mile record and is us-
ing that distance only occasionally to
work up his speed for longer dis-
tances.—Reuter.

**South China
Beaten**

In a friendly football game at

Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon,
No. 1 Commandos, who are in the
semi-final of the Shield Competi-
tion, beat South China by seven
clear goals after leading at the
interval by four goals.

Beadie (4), Bank, Savage and
Garry were the goal-scorers.
No. 1 Commando meet 46 R.M.
Commando in the semi-final of the
Shield Competition on Saturday.

**RANGERS TO TOUR
HOLLAND**

London, Mar. 20.
Negotiations are now in pro-
gress for Queen's Park Rangers
to make a fortnight's tour of Hol-
land immediately after the final
English League match on May 4.

The invitation comes from a
representative of The Netherlands
Football Association, who was
impressed by the Rangers in their
Cup tie matches at the Hackney
Baths to-day and won all 12
goals.—Reuter.

London, Mar. 19.
Dutch swimmers of the Cham-
pion Club competed against
English swimmers at the Hackney
Baths to-day and won all 12
events.

In water-polo, they beat a team
representing the London League
by nine goals to two.—Reuter.

Civil Affairs Services are meet-
ing H.M.S. Tamar at Hickey on
Saturday ground on Satur-
day at 5 p.m.

**"Envoy" Looks At
British Boxers**

London, Mar. 20.

Mike Jacobs' "envoy" from
Madison Square Garden, Lew
Burston, has arrived in London on
a tour of inspection of Britain's
boxers.

He sponsored Henry Armstrong,
who defeated Ernie Roderick for
the world welterweight champion-
ship in 1939. "I shall be in
Europe for six weeks," Burston
said. "After I have had a good
look round here, I shall proceed
to Paris, and probably to Belgium,
where there must be many good
lads who ought to be given a
chance in the States. Mike Jacobs
wants me to have a look at Bruce
Woodcock, Freddie Mills, Billy
Thompson, Cliff Curvis and Cyril
Gallie here and Theo Medina in
Paris. They are all young and
have not yet reached their zenith."

Burston says he is not over-
here to fix up fights but purely
on an observation tour for Mike
Jacobs.—Reuter.

**Varsity Boat
Race Trials**

Oxford, Mar. 20.

The Oxford and Cambridge
boat race crews, in their final
preparation for the historic boat
race over four and a half miles
on the Thames on March 30, are
attracting plenty of attention.

Cambridge rowed the first full
course trial to-day and pleased
their supporters, covering the dis-
tance in 21 minutes and 10
seconds.

The crew met rough water at
times owing to river traffic but
finished fresh with no signs of
distress, and the performance was
generally considered highly credit-
able.

Oxford will row the full course
on Thursday, when it will be in-
teresting to compare the times.
Reuter.

ATHLETIC MEETING

An athletic meeting arranged
by the U.S. Navy will take place
on Saturday March 30 at Valley
Valley.

A long programme of events
has been arranged and includes
invitation races to the British
Forces. The invitation races con-
sist of seven track events, two
relay races and three field events.

Improvements to the Royal
Naval cricket pitch at King's Park
will be started shortly, and it is
expected that the ground will be
in the pre-war condition before
Autumn.

The club-house, which is at
present in a very bad condition,
will be repaired.

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m.s. "Kina" due at Hongkong: middle of June

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Indian Minorities Must Toe Line?

Washington, March 20. Fears concerning the attitude of the political minorities of India toward the British Parliamentary mission, soon to attempt the negotiations on a new constitution for the country, were expressed by Sirdar Sant Singh, member of the Indian Congress Party and former member of the Central Legislature of India.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Moscow, Mar. 20. Russia embarked officially yesterday on the new five year plan, designed to place the nation in the forefront among users of atomic energy and boost industrial production to one and a half times the previous level by 1950.

UNIQUE CARPET STOLEN

Barnham, Mar. 20. Two men were committed for trial at Barnham, Buckinghamshire, on a charge of receiving a carpet valued at £700 belonging to Lord Bessborough of the Manor House, Stoke Poges.

The carpet, which weighed more than two hundred pounds, is of a unique design. There are only two others similar, one at Windsor Castle and the other in India. Reuter.

Grain Supply Limitations

Washington, Mar. 20. President Truman notified President Boleslaw Bierut of Poland that no grain importing country "can hope to receive in the immediate future more than a portion of its needs."

President Truman made the assertion in a reply to a message from President Bierut who had said that the proposed reductions in the U.N.R.R.A. shipments to Poland might lead to insufficient bread rations.

Truman wrote that the "Director-General of U.N.R.R.A. advises me that the administration has made every effort to meet the requests of Poland from tonnage available to it, within the allocations made to her for this purpose."

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Movies For 2d.—With Tea!

London, Mar. 20. In Grand Circle seats where they sat in 1911 for the first performance at the Lewisham Hippodrome, two grey-haired couples sat last night for the Theatre's 35th birthday.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eveleigh (he is 72 and his wife 70) and Mr. and Mrs. William Wood of Calford.

In 1911, the 3,642 seats in which they sat last night cost 9d. And the programme in those days advertised prime cuts of beef and lamb at 43d a pound.

Mr. Eveleigh still has the ticket which he used 35 years ago. "I have kept it as a Valentine I gave my wife when I was courting," he said. "In those days you could go to a cinema for 2d. and they gave you a cup of tea."

It was in the Lewisham Hippodrome, the largest music hall in the country, that Fred Karno and his hummink birds appeared with Syd Chaplin. Here it was last night that workers who had saved the theatre from the fire bills of 1941 were honoured guests.—Reuter.

PA SPANKED HITLER

Inside Story By Secretary "He Never Lost His Temper"

OBERURSEL, MARCH 20. FRAU CHRISTIAN, WHO IS 32 AND GOOD-LOOKING, LIKE ALL THE WOMEN WITH WHOM HITLER WAS SURROUNDED, JOINED THE NAZI PARTY IN 1932. TOOK HER JOB WITH HITLER IN 1939 AND BECAME SUFFICIENTLY INTIMATE WITH HIM TO RECEIVE HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE LAST DAYS. SUCH IS THE BACKGROUND OF HITLER'S FORMER SECRETARY, WHO TO-DAY GAVE SOME, HITHERTO, UNKNOWN FACTS OF THE FUHRER'S LIFE.

HITLER, SHE SAID, TOLD HER THAT HE HAD A VERY HAPPY YOUTH AND OFTEN REFERRED TO HIS MOTHER WITH GREAT TENDERNESS. HE EVIDENTLY THOUGHT HE HAD BEEN FULL OF DEVILMENT AND WAS FOND OF TELLING ABOUT HIS PRANKS. HE HAD NO APTITUDE FOR PHYSICAL GAMES, THOUGH HE PLAYED FOOTBALL, WHICH WAS POPULAR IN AUSTRIA IN THOSE DAYS.

Hitler said that his schooling had not been a success, because he was not very ambitious. He did not learn much because his memory was good, and he learned the few necessary lessons too easily, and he never bothered to do more.

Hitler's father, a Customs official, was strict, and Hitler recalled many spankings he had received from him. Frau Christian said Hitler took pleasure in recalling that he used to count each stroke in a loud voice and "became furious when the count ran over 20."

His mother, he said, always stood watching and suffered very much when he was punished. "He told me that he often went walking in the streets of Linz with his mother, whom he dearly loved, and often cried as a 15-year-old to have filiations with girls of his own age, whom he saw in the streets," Frau Christian said.

"He said the presence of his mother frustrated this, and that because the year came soon after, he had never been denied a normal youthful life."

Silent On War
"Hitler said that the war came when he was still quite young and so he never had a chance for the phase of dancing and young women. He spoke a great deal of his having volunteered at the age of 18 and of his experiences as a despatch rider under fire in France."

Hitler's whole conversion during the days spent in the air raid shelter of the Berlin Chancellery was that of a man suddenly becoming old, and finding that his youth was the only part of his life that mattered. Frau Christian said. He never referred to the war he had started, but repeatedly and with great emotion recalled his early party comrades and their first flight in Munich, saying that he always considered it a sacred obligation to meet his old friends at the annual Beer Hall gathering in Munich.

From a woman's point of view he was a fine man. Hitler's former secretary said. "He never lost his temper, even when I made many mistakes."

Hitler, she said, had learned how to treat women in the educational schools of Austria, but he preferred men's company. Frau Christian liked Eva Braun, whom Hitler believed to have married during the last days in Berlin. She described her as "very pretty, frank and open," but did not think she had any influence on Hitler.

Very Jealous
Until January, 1945 when Eva Braun and Hitler came together permanently, he saw her only when she went to Berchtesgaden. The rest of the time she spent in Munich, where she belonged to a gay dancing circle. "Hitler was very jealous of this association," Frau Christian said. When the war started Hitler began to ring Eva Braun up daily. "She had to account for her whereabouts and what she had been doing," the former secretary said. "He did not approve of her circle of friends at that time."

Frau Christian is convinced that both Hitler and Eva Braun are dead. She herself escaped from the shelter, she said, by way of the Wilhelmplatz underground tunnel on May 2. They were among the last to go. Soon afterwards, she said, she met a S.S. general who corroborated the report that Martin Bormann was killed when a Russian shell hit the tank in which he was trying to escape near the Weidendammbrücke completely destroying the tank.—Reuter.

Leave Franco To Spaniards
Washington, Mar. 20. Secretary of State James Byrnes said yesterday the United States was notifying France again of its opposition to putting the Franco Spanish Government on trial before the United Nations Security Council.

France last week asked the United States to reconsider the question. France and Russia favour a council hearing on the Franco regime. The United States and Britain oppose it.

Byrnes told newsmen that the United States adhered to its previously stated position to the effect that the United States does not consider the Franco Government a threat to international peace and contends that any action to force Franco out is up to the Spanish people themselves.—Associated Press.

Clashes In Batavia
Batavia, Mar. 20. A British-Indian guard at the Goodyear Tire Factory at Buitenzorg repelled to small arms and mortar fire last night in which two Indian soldiers were killed and five were wounded. It was reported here.

Minor clashes were reported at Bandung and Sourabaya. It was reported at Bangkok that Dutch troops fired on a Chinese mob which refused to disperse. The trouble was believed to have resulted from the erroneous pulling down of a Chinese flag by the Dutch.—Associated Press.

London, Mar. 20. Warsaw Radio, quoting a communiqué issued by the Polish Foreign Minister, said last night that a 20-year treaty of friendship and mutual help between Poland and Yugoslavia was signed in Poland during the visit of the Yugoslav Prime Minister, Marshal Tito.—Reuter.

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The President of the Court asked Petiot how many Germans and collaborators were among the victims he had killed. Petiot replied: "I myself only killed two Germans—two motorcyclists—and I killed them with my silent secret weapon which leaves no trace."

Asked by the counsel for one of the victims, Maître Paul Vernon, to be more explicit, Petiot snapped back: "Who are you to stand up as a defender of the French 'resistance'? You may have done some good resistance work at some time but at present you are only defending Jews."

There was a burst of applause when counsel retorted: "You are insulting the resistance movement. I will break your neck." Petiot said that members of his resistance group used to trail German suspects, hustle them into a van at the point of a sub-machine gun and take them to his house. Suspects were then "taken for a ride" to a wood outside Paris. Sometimes the bodies were left there.

The Court pressed for further details of the killing of the two German motorcyclists and Maître Vernon commented that the street in which this was supposed to have been done was the "longest street in Paris."

Talk And Talk
After further exchanges, the President of the Court remarked to Petiot: "You will soon be saying that you would not kill a rabbit."

Questioned about one of his alleged victims—Madame Marthe Khait, missing from her home in Paris since March 25, 1942—Petiot said that he visited the woman's house after having given medical treatment to her daughter Raymonde Daudet, whom he described as a drug addict.

Petiot strongly protested when Maître Vernon, representing the relatives, suggested that the real motive of Petiot's visit was his fear of being implicated in accusations of drug trafficking.

He last saw Madame Khait, said Petiot, at 7.00 p.m. on March 25, 1942 when he lent her some 1,500 francs to enable her to cross into unoccupied France.

After Petiot had spent nearly half an hour trying to explain the way in which he said he had helped to get people smuggled out of occupied France, the President of the Court said: "As usual you talk and talk but are unable to give anything resembling a straight answer."—Reuter.

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FRIENDS AGAIN

Berne, Mar. 20. Russia has re-established diplomatic relations with Switzerland after a 22-year break, the Swiss political department said to-day. The new tie, which came about through Swiss initiative, followed an exchange of notes between the two Governments in Berne in which Switzerland told the Soviet Union that they had "modified their previous attitude toward Russia."—Associated Press.

COMMUNIST MURDERED

Chungking, Mar. 20. A Communist dispatch yesterday identified as a member of the Chinese Communist Party, Li Chao-ling, president of the Sino-Soviet friendship association at Harbin, who was found stabbed to death in a deserted house there on March 10.

Li Chao-ling, the dispatch said, was 37 years of age, and was the Commander of the 3rd army of the "joint democratic, anti-Japanese Allied Forces" in Manchuria.

He engaged in guerilla warfare against the Japanese for over 10 years, and when Russia entered the Pacific conflict, he fought side by side with the Soviet forces against the enemy.

After the liberation of Harbin last year, Li Chao-ling was "elected" Vice-Governor of the Manchuria province of Sungking, but resigned this post when Nationalist officials reached Harbin.—Associated Press.

PRINCESS'S BIRTHDAY
London, Mar. 20. Princess Elizabeth will be 20 on Easter Sunday when a family party at Windsor Castle will assemble for the event.

The Court will go into residence at Windsor a few days before Easter. The King and Queen used the private apartments of the castle throughout the war, but the state rooms were closed. These have now been reopened.—Reuter.

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